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In this essay I am going to be arguing in support of killing cane toads. I have read a number of articles that persuaded me to come to a conclusion that the creatures are a pest which need to die. To ensure that I have a balanced argument I will also talk about a few reasons in which cane toads could be supported, however, the main viewpoint of this argument is against these nuisances.

From my research into reading cane toad news articles and reports, it has become transparent these vile vicious villains need to be exterminated immediately. Even though this could sound a bit evil and all animals should be treated fairly, it is urgent that these deadly, dangerous, devious, daring devils deserve to die!

Cane toads are disgusting, repulsive creatures that are plastered with spots. They were imported into Australia in 1935 to demolish the population of cane beetles and defend the country's sugar canes. Unfortunately, this scheme did not go as planned because the colony rapidly increased.

Why are they a pest? Firstly they reproduce in huge numbers, "A single clutch by a cane toad can contain more than 30,000 eggs - three times as many as native frogs." (Pearlman, 2012). Moreover the toads are extremely difficult to kill. According to the BBC article it states "the toads have 'no natural predators to kill them off'." The Telegraph states "...remaining adult toads can make a big difference because there are no new toads being born to replace the ones we are eliminating." (Pearlman, 2012). Finally, the creatures are destroying Australia's land according to the Telegraph "The impact on the environment has been disastrous." In the same article it states "We go to great lengths to protect the environment from human impact and then the

toads come through and knock out thousands of varieties of native wildlife." (Pearlman, 2012)

It was difficult to find any reasons to support cane toads the only positives coming through were a few articles about the least harmful way to remove these creatures. Some prefer to hit them with large objects or gassing them but in the words of Mr. Bettie "Simply whacking a few with golf clubs doesn't work..." (Nick Squires 2007). However, it could be argued that we should use a more humane way such as paralysing them with haemorrhoid cream. The RSPCA suggests that you place them "in a freezer and the job is done humanely." (Mercer, 2006)

It was evident from the awkwardness of finding information in favor of the cane toads that nearly everyone is their foe. This led me to concluding that these terrible toads are a pest and it doesn't matter how horrible it would be to kill an animal the cane toad deserves it.

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